



Town of Montague
Department, Board, Committee, Commission
BUDGET NARRATIVE

FY 20

Complete this form electronically! Be clear and concise!

Department: Assessing Department Submitted by: Karen Tonelli

1. Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY20 line item budget submission.

We are seeking funding for an outside appraisal of the Hydro Electric Facility. Three (3) years have passed since the last appraisal was performed on this property and we believe it is crucial to maintain an accurate assessment on this facility.

2. Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY19? What is the status of those expenditures/investments?

Yes. We received special article approval to fund the appraisal of personal property owned by the several large utilities. We are seeking funding again as part of the three year plan/contract with Sansoucy Appraisals.

3. Did you receive funding for a discretionary account in FY19? What have you purchased to date, at what cost? Looking forward in FY19, what do you expect to purchase at what cost?

N/A

4. To-date in FY19, has your department experienced any notable successes, such as improving or providing new programs or services, or implementing new technologies? If so, please describe.

Yes. The appraisal of the utilities personal property was a success in that it increased the tax base by over \$11.2 million. This generated approx. \$325,000 in additional tax revenue for the annual cost of \$16,250.00.

5. Are there challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and objectives that are due to its FY19 operating budget? If so, offer your recommendation(s) for improving the situation.

No.